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2. How long was Matt Rhule's 2015 contract extension for?

3. Which TV show was "Frank & Lola" actress Imogen Poots on this year?

3 things you need to know

TIM COOK: APPLE WATCH SALES TO CONSUMERS SET RECORD IN HOLIDAY WEEK

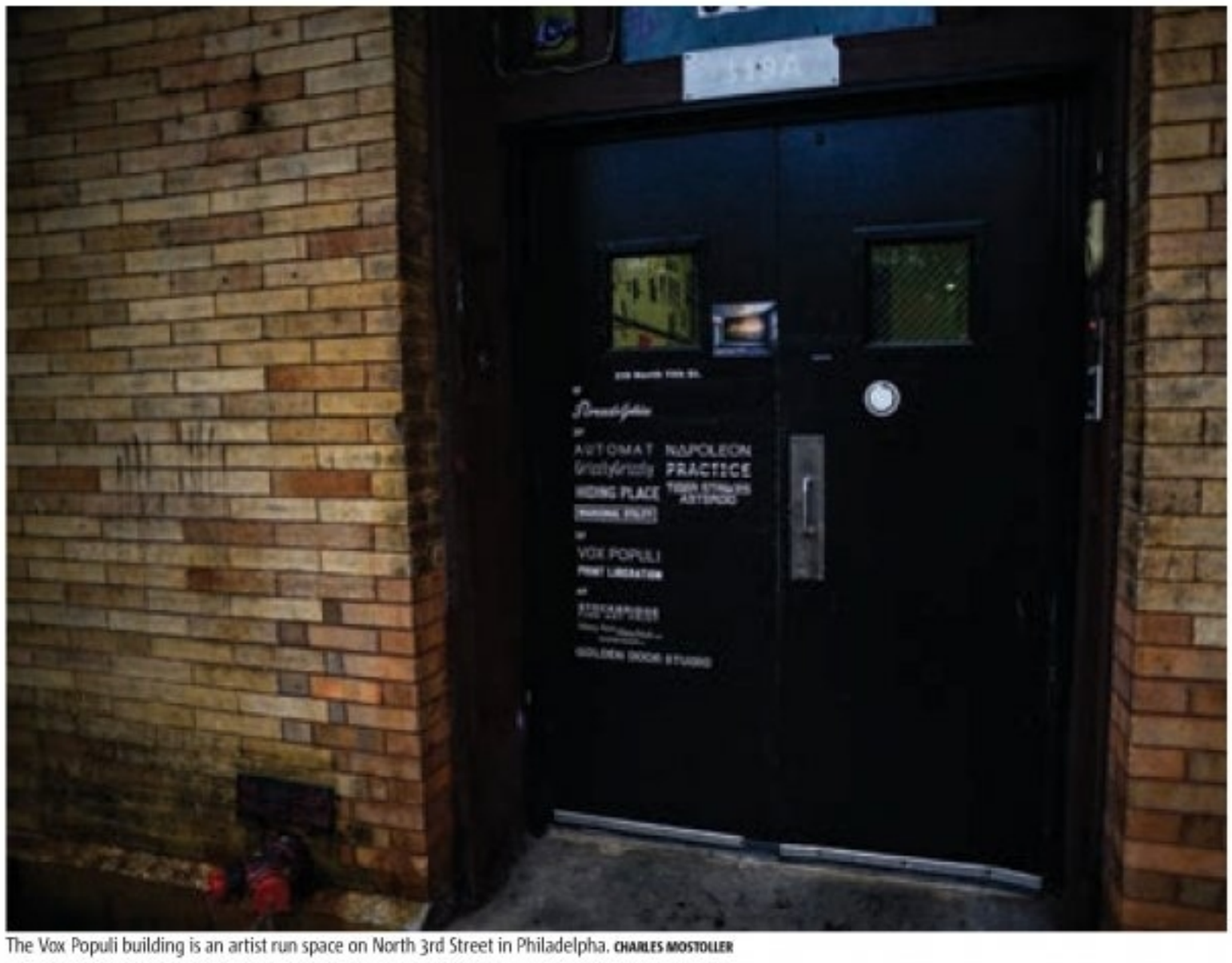
1 Sales of the Apple Watch to consumers set a record during the first week of holiday shopping, and the current quarter is on track to be the best ever for the product, Apple Inc. Chief Executive Tim Cook told Reuters. Responding to an email from Reuters, Cook said the gadget's sell-through - a measure of how many units are sold to consumers, rather than simply stocked on retailers' shelves - reached a new high. Cook's comments followed a report on Monday from technology research firm IDC estimating that the tech giant sold 1.1 million units of the Apple Watch during the third quarter of 2016, down 71 percent from the year-ago quarter. The comments offer a glimpse of the gadget's performance during the holiday quarter, which is typically Apple's strongest. REUTERS

SENIOR DEMOCRAT: RELEASE OF CIA TORTURE DETAILS UNLIKELY

2 The Obama administration is unlikely to release a massive report on the CIA's use of waterboarding and other "enhanced interrogation techniques" widely considered torture, a top Democrat on the congressional intelligence committee said on Tuesday. Representative Adam Schiff told reporters it was more likely, before President Barack Obama leaves office next month, that the White House might take action so the report could be released someday via a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. "The most that we might expect this administration to do... is to designate it as some kind of a record that would ultimately lead to its availability through FOIA, subject to redaction," Schiff said at a breakfast meeting with reporters sponsored by the Christian Science Monitor. REUTERS

SNUGGIE MAKER SUES AMAZON.COM

3 Makers of the Snuggie blanket and other products sold mainly on TV have sued Amazon.com Inc, accusing the internet retailer of trademark infringement for letting an "astronomical" number of counterfeit products to be sold through its website. The lawsuit was filed on Monday night by Allstar Marketing Group LLC, Ideavillage Products Corp. and Ontel Products Corp., which respectively sell such products as the Snuggie, Copper Fit compression sleeves and Magic Tracks toy racetracks through so-called "As Seen on TV" advertising. It was filed three weeks after Seattle-based Amazon filed two of its own lawsuits in a Washington state court, targeting vendors it said were selling counterfeit goods on its website. Amazon spokesman Erik Fairleigh declined to comment on Tuesday, citing the pending litigation. REUTERS



The Vox Populi building is an artist run space on North 3rd Street in Philadelpha. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Philly art spaces spark concern after Oakland fire

Artists in Philly are taking a close look at the safety of their studio spaces after dozens died during a fire in an Oakland artist's enclave.

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The tragic fire in an Oakland warehouse and artist's enclave that killed at least 36 people last week hit home with artists in Philadelphia.

Like Oakland, sections of Philadelphia have blocks filled with former industrial warehouses, now frequently re-purposed as low-rent studios and living spaces for artists. But along with the affordability comes the risks of living and working in decaying, aged buildings.

"Artists like to gravitate toward spaces that are raw and have potential," said Jennifer McTague, co-founding executive director of Second State Press, a print shop located in the Crane Arts Center in Kensington, a massive former warehouse. "There's the inspiration of it, the grit, the rawness of it, but there's hidden dangers in there as well."

While McTague noted that the Crane building has strong safety standards, she said that's the exception, not the norm. Many other studios around Philadelphia are in buildings with issues like a lack of clear fire exits, debris in stairwells and fire escapes blocked by things like potted plants, she said.

"Artists are looking for very affordable spaces, so that all of their time and money is invested into making work," McTague said. "They aren't thinking of things like, 'Are there sprinklers?' or 'Is there a working smoke detector in the building?'"

The Oakland fire occurred Dec. 2, while a crowd of about 70 to 100 attended a music concert in a 10,000-square-foot warehouse known as the "Ghost Ship."

The building had only one exit, and many of the victims were trapped on the second floor after a staircase made of wooden pallets collapsed. The fire is being called the deadliest structure fire in California in a century. Prosecutors may even charge the building's owner with murder.

Philly Licenses and Inspections Commissioner David Perri issued a call to the public on Monday in response to the Oakland fire to report any fire hazards in Philly studios or unlicensed clubs, saying his department "can't do it alone."

In 2015, 915 Arts on Spring Garden, an art space inside a former Reading Railroad building, was shut down by the city for code violations after a small fire. It never reopened, and roughly 100 artists lost their studios.

In 2013, the Viking Mills studio building in Kensington was shut down for code violations after a small fire. It later reopened.

"People had a loss of income, but all things considered, I'm glad we did it," said Albert Fung, a painter who briefly lost his studio at Viking Mills and works there still. "Nobody wants to lose a life."

But he cautioned that artists who struggle to find affordable studios may be reluctant to call a fire inspector for fear of losing their workspace.

"Artists are desperate. They're willing to ignore a lot and look the other way," Fung said. "This is how serious people are about being artists — in the back of their mind, they know they're taking chances with their personal safety. … It's a very unfortunate Russian roulette you play."

McTague, who also teaches professional development at Tyler School of Art, said she goes over the basics of "studio preparedness" and safety with her students, urging them to evaluate workspaces as if they were a building inspector. She urged artists to visit the Craft Emergency Relief Fund online for tips, as well as the emergency safety guide at StudioProtector.org.

"I worry sometimes when there's these really big art openings in these spaces and they look like tinderboxes, piled to the ceiling with heaps of paper, wood, fabric," she said. "A lot of people just don't consider the worst-case scenario."

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BRIEF

Baby rescued after tossed from burning home in Northeast Philly
Five adults and four children were injured in an overnight fire in Philadelphia that also displaced more than 20 residents, according to reports.

A fire broke out around 4 a.m. Tuesday in a mixed-use building on the 4500 block of Frankford Avenue in Northeast Philadelphia. The blaze, which spread to three floors in the building, trapped several people inside, including a baby, who was tossed into the arms of firefighters from the third floor.

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The nine injured were in stable condition, and firefighters rescued another 12 residents from the flames, according to the American Red Cross Eastern Pennsylvania, which helped the displaced families.

Red Paw Relief was able to rescue several pets, but 6ABC reported that some died in the blaze. The rescue service tweeted later Tuesday morning that all 19 pets affected by the fire had been accounted for.

SEPTA temporarily shut down service on the Market-Frankford Line until the blaze was brought under control, and used shuttle buses to transport riders from Erie-Torresdale to Frankford Transportation Center. Full service was resumed by 5:15 a.m.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

ALEXIS SACHDEV

A man shoots heroin. GETTY IMAGES

Death toll from lethal batch of heroin rises to 9 in Philadelphia

The city is on pace to reach 900 fatal drug overdoses this year, three times its homicide rate.

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Nine people have died from a lethal batch of heroin, up from initial reports of six, according to Philadelphia police.

In a 36-hour span, from 8:30 a.m. Saturday to 8 p.m. Sunday, police reported nine fatal overdoses, mostly in Kensington and North Philadelphia. Over the same period of time, at least four people were saved in Kensington alone when emergency responders administered doses of Naloxone, an anti-overdose drug.

The dead include seven men, who ranged in age from 24 to their mid-40s, police said. Most of them were discovered on or near Kensington Avenue, authorities said. Of the two women, a 36-year-old was found in the Fairhill section. The other woman, 34, was discovered in Port Richmond.

Philadelphia is on pace to reach 900 fatal drug overdoses in 2016, reports indicate. That's more than three times the city's homicide rate.

Metro reported Monday that police are investigating a particularly potent batch of heroin that has been circulating through the city for the last month, and may be laced with other drugs.

Fox 29 reported that police confiscated two "stamps," or brands of heroin: one called Powerball, and another with the image of a devil printed on the bag. Investigators believe it could be laced with a synthetic opioid nicknamed "pink" or "pinky" that has been linked to several deaths across the U.S. The federal government recently moved to temporarily ban the painkiller, which is labelled as U-47700.

This weekend's fatal overdoses follow a spike of nonfatal overdoses last month. On Nov. 17, nearly 50 heroin users overdosed and were treated, mostly in Kensington and North Philly areas. The neighborhoods include pockets that are notorious for serving as open-air drug markets, where bags and used needles litter the street and sidewalks.

Police are still investigating the November spike in overdoses. The city usually reports about three to four overdoses a day.

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Donate to Metro's Toy Drive
In keeping with the holiday spirit of giving, Metro is once again launching Metro Magic, our annual toy drive for underprivileged children in New York, Boston and Philadelphia.

This year marks the 7th anniversary of the toy drive, which was renamed in memory of the man who oversaw the project for more than four years, Tony Metcalf, Metro's longest-running editor in chief. Mr. Metcalf passed away in 2013 from colon cancer at the age of 50.

Mr. Metcalf lit up every year as he saw the faces of children unwrap their holiday gifts. It is our goal to keep that magic alive.

"Tony felt we should use the size and scale of Metro to help other's and he used enormous dedication and force to execute the project and every year make children in need a little happier during the holiday season," said Metro's Chief Executive Officer Yggers Mortensen.

"I am proud to continue this project in honor of Tony and I hope all our readers, suppliers and members of the Metro team will help to make this yet another great Metro Magic year."

Metro has created a wish list at the Target website that readers can access by going to Metro.us and clicking on the Tony's Metro Magic story on the homepage.

From there, just choose the toys you wish to donate, pay online using Target's secure payment system, and your gifts, along with your name attached, will be delivered to Metro's offices in each city.

This season, we hope you will remember the children who will spend the holidays in shelters or who may not have gifts to open. Even one small gift can make a big difference in a child's holiday season.

It's good to receive a gift. It's better to give one. METRO

President-elect Donald Trump pauses with Masayoshi Son, the chief executive of SoftBank, at Trump Tower on Tuesday in New York City. GETTY IMAGES

Trump claims $50B SoftBank investment due to his win

Trump made the announcement in the lobby of Trump Tower in Manhattan where he met with the head of SoftBank, a $68 billion telecommunications and tech investment behemoth.

The head of Japan's SoftBank Group Corp., which in October set up a $100 billion fund for technology investments, said on Tuesday he would invest $50 billion in U.S. businesses, a move President-elect Donald Trump claimed was a direct result of his election win.

The investment, which could create 50,000 new U.S. jobs, revived speculation on Wall Street that U.S. telecommunications giant Sprint Corp., 82-percent-owned by SoftBank, might rekinkdle merger talks with T-Mobile US Inc. that died under pressure from U.S. regulators.

Trump's moves since the election to engage with individual companies, while turning his back on broader, years-in-the-works trade deals, show that the President-elect is leaning on the deal-making skills he honed in the boardroom. Trump campaigned against the overregulation of business and is expected to be more open to mergers than President Barack Obama.

The investment announced Tuesday would come from the $100 billion investment fund SoftBank Chief Executive Masayoshi Son is setting up with Saudi Arabia's sovereign-wealth fund and other potential partners, according to the Wall Street Journal.

"Ladies and gentlemen, this is Masa from SoftBank of Japan, and he's just agreed to invest $50 billion in the United States and 50,000 jobs," Trump said.

"He would never do this had we (Trump) not won the election!" Trump later Tweeted.

Prior to the election, SoftBank said Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund (PIF) would be the lead partner in the fund and could invest up to $45 billion over the next five years. SoftBank expects to put in at least $25 billion. Several other large, unnamed investors are in talks on their participation and could bring the total size of the new fund up to $100 billion, SoftBank said.

Son, who wore a red tie and red sweater under his suit jacket, told reporters his company would create jobs by investing in startup companies in the United States. REUTERS

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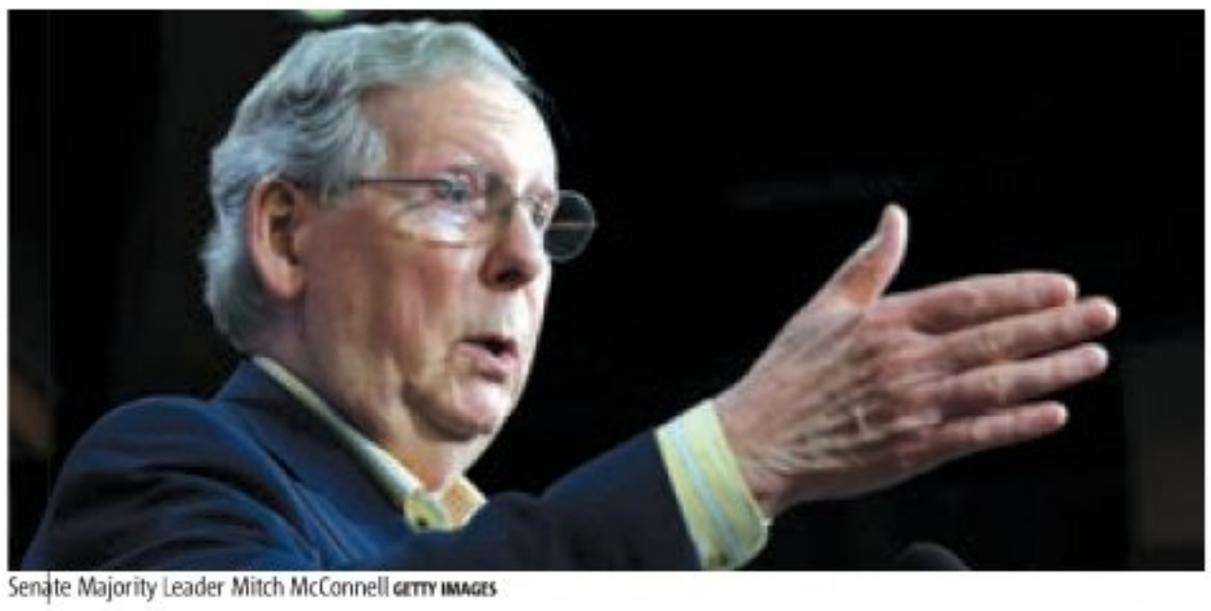
Repealing Obamacare to be first on Senate agenda in 2017



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell GETTY IMAGES

Democrats scoffed at the Republican plans, saying they do not even know what they want to replace Obamacare with.

Repealing Obamacare will be the first order of business in the U.S. Senate in January, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Republican, said on Tuesday.

Republicans will replace President Barack Obama's signature health insurance program that provides coverage to millions of Americans "step by step," said Senator John Thune, another member of the Republican leadership.

McConnell did not say when the repeal of the Affordable Care Act, as it is officially known, would go into effect. Senator John Barrasso said it might be effective in two or three years, and that the timeframe was still being debated.

"Bring it on," said Senator Chuck Schumer, who will be the Democrats' leader in the Senate next year.

Donald Trump's election as U.S. president last month means Republicans will control the White House, Senate and House of Representatives in 2017. The new Congress opens on Jan. 3; Trump will be sworn in on Jan. 20.

The Affordable Care Act has provided 25 million previously uninsured Americans with health coverage by expanding Medicaid and through online exchanges where consumers can receive income-based subsidies. Republicans have launched repeated legal and legislative efforts to dismantle the law, which they call a government overreach.

The average Obamacare premium is set to rise 25 percent in 2017.

Large national insurers including Aetna Inc, UnitedHealth Group Inc and Anthem Inc have said they are losing money on the exchanges because patient costs are higher than anticipated and enrollment is lower than forecast. Both UnitedHealth and Aetna have pulled out of the exchanges for 2017.

To repeal Obamacare, congressional Republicans are expected to resort to a special procedure known as budget reconciliation to get around Democrats in the Senate, where rules protect the rights of the minority party. REUTERS

BRIEF

Spokesman: Trump sold all his shares in companies in June

President-elect Donald Trump sold all of his shares in companies in June, aides said on Tuesday, a move that likely raised substantial cash ahead of the presidential election and could now ease some concerns about potential conflicts of interest.

Trump's stock portfolio included shares of companies including Apple Inc, Microsoft Corp, JPMorgan Chase & Co and a host of others, according to a financial disclosure form filed in May.

Trump spokesman Jason Miller said in an email that Trump sold all of his shares, but he did not respond to questions about what Trump did with the sales proceeds or whether he withdrew from any other investments at the same time.

The Republican's transition team did not provide documentation of the sales. Trump will not have to file a new financial disclosure form until May 2018, according to the U.S. Office of Government Ethics. Presidents typically provide some such information voluntarily during their first year in office. REUTERS

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Top court backs Samsung in fight with Apple

Design patent fights very rarely reach the Supreme Court. It had not heard such a case in more than 120 years.

The Supreme Court on Tuesday sided with Samsung in its big-money smartphone patent fight with Apple, throwing out an appeals court ruling that the South Korean company had to pay a $399 million penalty to its American rival for copying key iPhone designs.

The 8-0 ruling, written by Justice Sonia Sotomayor, held that a patent violator does not always have to fork over its entire profits from the sales of products using stolen designs, if the designs covered only certain components and not the whole thing.

The justices sent the case back to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington to determine how much Samsung must pay. But they did not provide a road map to juries and lower courts on how to navigate similar disputes in the future.

Following a 2012 jury verdict favoring Apple, Samsung initially was hit with nearly $930 million in penalties, later cut by $382 million, for infringing Apple's iPhone patents and mimicking its distinctive appearance in making the Galaxy and other competing devices.

Samsung argued that it should not have had to turn over all its profits, saying that design elements contributed only marginally to a complex product with thousands of patented features. GETTY IMAGES

Samsung in December 2015 paid its Cupertino, California-based rival $548 million. But Samsung took the matter to the Supreme Court, saying it should not have had to make $399 million of that payout for copying the patented designs of the iPhone's rounded-corner front face, bezel and colorful grid of icons that represent programs and applications.

With the products that used iPhone designs, Samsung went on to become the world's top smartphone maker.

Tuesday's ruling followed a ferocious legal battle between the world's top two smartphone manufacturers that began in 2011 when Apple sued Samsung for patent and trademark infringement. It was one of the most closely watched patent cases to come before the top U.S. court in recent years.

The legal dispute centered on whether the term "article of manufacture," on which design patent damages are calculated in U.S. patent law, should be interpreted as a finished product in its entirety, or merely a component in a complex product.

In court papers, Samsung, Apple and the government all agreed that the term could mean a component.

But Apple urged the Supreme Court to affirm the appeals court's ruling because Samsung presented no evidence that the article of manufacture in this case was anything less than its entire smartphone as sold. Samsung, meanwhile, said that it did not have to present such evidence.

Sotomayor, writing for the unanimous court, said that the law is clear. The term "article of manufacture is broad enough to encompass both a product sold to a consumer as well as a component of that product," she wrote.

The justices nevertheless refused to devise a test for juries and lower courts to use to discern what a relevant article of manufacture is in a particular case, a task that could be fraught with difficulty when considering high-tech products. REUTERS

"No doubt whether with Apple-Samsung, or some other design patent case, we are going to have a period of uncertainty where courts will be trying to formulate a test and what the boundaries are."

Richard McKenna, an expert in design rights at the law firm Foley & Lardner in Milwaukee

With Dakota Access in limbo, more Bakken crude to move on trains

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A continental oil boom and lack of pipeline infrastructure have forced unprecedented amounts of oil onto railroads.1

The Dakota Access Pipeline was slated to run from western North Dakota to Illinois, and has been the subject of protests for months.

As oil prices recover and U.S. shale production picks up, energy companies that had planned to ship crude on the Dakota Access Pipeline will turn to rail, a transport method that poses its own risks to the environment and local communities.

Sunday's decision by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to deny Energy Transfer Partners an easement to complete the line means shippers who expected to see another 570,000 barrels of daily Bakken pipeline capacity in 2017 will have to find new ways to move supply.

Rail comprises nearly 65 percent of total crude export capacity in the Bakken, but is currently underutilized because it is more costly and less efficient. In September, only 29 percent of total Bakken oil production moved by rail, according to the latest figures from the North Dakota Pipeline Authority.

"Once the pipes are full, that means more trains. And without DAPL, the pipes get full sooner than they otherwise would have," said Rick Smead, managing director of advisory services for RBN Energy, noting that this scenario is contingent on a big rise in production.

A rise in incidents during the shale boom, and high-profile accidents, such as the explosion in 2013 that killed 47 people in Lac-Megantic, Quebec, has drawn increased scrutiny to the rail industry, prompting the U.S. government to enact more stringent regulations for rail movements.

"There are increased chances of accidents, leaks and greenhouse gas incidents when transporting by rail."

Ogunnaike

Overall, oil spills more frequently with pipelines than rail cars, according to data from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA). For example, in 2015, there were 252 pipeline spills reported to PHMSA involving crude oil, versus 123 for the rail industry. The year prior, the frequency of spills at pipes was about 23 percent greater than rail, the data shows.

Incidents involving crude-by-rail peaked in 2014, at nearly 190, versus just one accident in 2006, the data shows.

The rise in accidents followed a surge in volumes moving by rail each day, which hit a high of 29.2 million barrels per month in October 2014. As of September 2016, that had declined to about 10.5 million barrels monthly, according to data from the EIA, as new pipelines displaced rail and production has declined.

With lower volumes, train accidents involving crude are down significantly, with only nine reported this year, according to PHMSA data.

But that could change.

"There are increased chances of accidents, leaks and greenhouse gas incidents when transporting by rail," said Afolabi Ogunnaike, a senior analyst at consultancy Wood Mackenzie.

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Los Angeles heightens security after threat to metro system

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, who boarded a train at the Universal City station himself on Tuesday, said law enforcement was prepared and asked the public to be vigilant.

Heavy security at subway stations in Los Angeles greeted commuters on Tuesday as federal and local authorities investigated a specific but uncorroborated threat to detonate a bomb at the Metro Red Line's Universal City station.

Local media broadcast footage of gun-toting deputies searching passengers' bags while bomb squad teams led bomb-sniffing dogs around stations across the Los Angeles County transit system.

"I trust the professionals that are dealing with this," Garcetti told Reuters TV. "You can never erase the threat to zero, but I want to make sure that people know we have a system that can and will respond forcefully whenever there are these threats."

Federal and city officials said on Monday they had been alerted by authorities in another country to a "specific" threat against the city's Red Line commuter rail system, prompting them to beef up security and alert the public.

"This threat is imminent ... it is very specific," Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck told an evening news conference on Monday. "But the credibility still needs to be vetted."

Law enforcement officials told the news conference the threat had been relayed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by a law enforcement agency in another country, where the threat had originated. Officials did not identify the country.

The male caller, speaking in English, had warned authorities in that country of a potential attack on Tuesday targeting the Red Line station, which is across the street from the Universal Studios theme park, Beck said.

The caller did not threaten to carry out the attack, but said he was alerting law enforcement.

The Red Line runs between downtown Los Angeles and northern neighborhoods, including Hollywood and North Hollywood. It carries about 145,000 passengers a day as part of the city's larger transit system. REUTERS

A woman's belongings are searched as Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies stand guard over rail passengers at the Universal City Red Line Metro train station on Tuesday in Los Angeles. GETTY IMAGES

BRIEF

Oakland warehouse fire death toll, at 36, not expected to rise

Authorities in Oakland, California, said on Tuesday they do not expect the death toll from a blaze that engulfed a converted warehouse during a dance party to rise above 36, but could not rule it out as they continued picking through debris.

Emergency workers have searched and cleared 90 percent of the charred building, officials told a news conference. Searchers were still sifting through the rest of the structure, with some parts too unstable to safely work in.

"We're going to continue the process until absolutely every piece of debris is removed from the building (and) every area has been searched," said Oakland Police Department spokeswoman Johnna Watson.

The cause of the fire has yet to be determined. It erupted late on Friday in a sprawling two-story building known as the Ghost Ship that was leased to an artists' collective.

The coroner's office has completed autopsies on half the 36 people confirmed to have died, Alameda County Sheriff's Office spokesman J.D. Nelson said by phone. REUTERS

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Bahamian man gets five years in US prison for hacking celebrities

A Bahamian man was sentenced to five years in U.S. prison on Tuesday for hacking into celebrities' email accounts to steal unreleased film and television scripts, personal information and sexually explicit videos in order to sell them.

Alonzo Knowles, who maintained a list of 130 celebrities' emails and phone numbers, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Paul Engelmayer in Manhattan. He pleaded guilty in May to charges of criminal copyright infringement and identity theft.

"You have some obvious facility for computers," Engelmayer said. "But you chose to use your gifts for dark and nefarious ends."

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>
> Engelmayer

Prosecutors said Knowles, of Freeport, Bahamas, accessed the accounts of actresses, musicians and others by sending their computers a virus or by emailing a fake notification that their account had been hacked and asking for their passwords.

Knowles stole at least 25 unreleased movie and television scripts, as well as music, financial documents and nude and intimate images and videos, prosecutors said.

The identities of most of the celebrities who were victimized have not been revealed. But one was Naturi Naughton, who stars in the Starz network series "Power" and who in a video submission to the court said she felt "violated."

Among the scripts Knowles stole was one for "All Eyez On Me," an upcoming biopic of Tupac Shakur, who died in a 1996 shooting, the film's production company has said. He also stole scripts for two 21st Century Fox Inc. properties. REUTERS

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Trump on Boeing's Air Force One contract: tweets 'Cancel order!'

Trump's broadside against Boeing comes as Washington's business lobbyists are bracing for a wild ride.

President-elect Donald Trump urged the government on Tuesday to cancel an order with Boeing Co. for a revamped Air Force One — one of the most prominent symbols of the presidency — saying costs were out of control.

It was the latest example of Trump using his podium, often via brief Twitter messages, to rattle companies and foreign countries as he seeks to shake up business as usual in Washington. Trump, who takes office on Jan. 20, took aim at what he called cost overruns even though the plane is only in development stages.

"Boeing is building a brand new 747 Air Force One for future presidents, but costs are out of control, more than $4 billion. Cancel order!" Trump said on Twitter. It was not immediately clear what prompted the timing of his complaint.

Trump, who has vowed to use his skills as a businessman to make good deals that benefit American taxpayers, then made a surprise appearance in the lobby of Trump Tower in New York, where he amplified his comments.

"The plane is totally out of control. I think it's ridiculous. I think Boeing is doing a little bit of a number. We want Boeing to make a lot of money but not that much money," he told reporters.

Boeing, which has built planes for presidents since 1943, has not yet begun building the two replacements for the current Air Force One planes, which are scheduled to be in service by 2024.

Boeing has not yet been awarded the money to build the proposed replacements.

"We are currently under contract for $170 million to help determine the capabilities of these complex military aircraft that serve the unique requirements of the President of the United States," the company said in a statement.

President Barack Obama, who was flying on the aging Air Force One to Tampa, Florida, on Tuesday, has called the plane one of the best perks of the presidency. REUTERS

Air Force One, a heavily modified Boeing 747, is seen prior to President Barack Obama departure from Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. GETTY IMAGES

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Even Andy Cohen wants to hook up with Justin Bieber

Andy Cohen, the Headmaster of Messy, was the guest on Tuesday's "Allegedly" podcast hosted by Matt and Theo Weiss. TMZ reports that the host of "Watch What Happens Live" didn't hold anything back when presented with hypothetical celebrity sex situations.

When asked if he'd "hook up" with Justin Bieber, who is a mere 26 years his junior, Andy said, "Of course. Why wouldn't I?" But a threesome with Kim Kardashian and Kanye West is completely off the table. "I lost my boner," he confessed. And on the topic of sex with Kardashians, a proper game of Marry, F—k, Kill was in order. Here is Andy's list: Kill: Kourtney. Marry: Khloe. F—k: Kim.

We, however, cannot confirm if any of the aforementioned celebrities would sleep with Andy.

Nicki Minaj slammed for allegedly mocking mentally ill woman

Nicki Minaj is receiving backlash from Barbz and foes alike for an Instagram video she posted Monday. In the video, an unidentified woman is yelling unintelligibly at a chuckling Nicki who tries to engage her in conversation. You can hear the woman telling the "Side by Side" rapper to "go away," while 33-year-old laughs and asks: "What did I do?"

Many commenters found the video to be evidence of the rapstress bullying and mocking a mentally ill woman. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) released a statement to TMZ condemning the rapper for invading the woman's privacy.

However, Nicki never says anything disrespectful or rude to the woman. And it's also possible that Nicki doesn't just go around assuming people have a mental illness. But to NAMI's point about privacy, it's right. As someone who is constantly at the mercy of strangers' cameras, Nicki should know better.

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Sorry Adele, Beyonce definitely deserves the Album of the Year Grammy

The 2017 Grammys may have already divided the country more than last month's presidential election. Adele and Beyonce are going head-to-head for the coveted Album of the Year award and the stakes are high!

Make no mistake: Bey's "Lemonade" and Adele's "25" are both masterful works of art. However, Beyonce slayed at least four different musical genres in a single album. Country: check. Rock: check. Pop: check. R&B: check. The production, lyrical content and vocal range on "Lemonade" are all on point — and don't get me started on the visuals. Adele, we love you girl, but that award belongs to Bey.

Madonna vogues but does not twerk in upcoming Carpool Karaoke

The trailer for Wednesday's Carpool Karaoke segment on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" was just released, and James has one of the biggest names in music riding shotgun: Madonna. The 58-year-old hints at what happened during her nightcaps with Michael Jackson. She also vogues to her song by the same title and does another dance that E! News calls twerking.

We know better. All butt dances are not created equal. Think of it this way: Anyone can put some paint on a canvas, but it doesn't make them an artist. Whatever Madonna did in Corden's passenger seat was cute, but to call it twerking is quite the stretch.

Amber Rose and Blac Chyna in an Uber on the way to VMA's ... now THAT'S twerking.

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Meet Dorit Kemsley of 'RHOBH'

The newest housewife brings a little rock 'n' roll to Season 7.

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"The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" has a new cast member to shake things up for Season 7 — Dorit Kemsley. This businesswoman and mother of two has a lot on her plate: Kemsley oversees artist management agency, Nixxi Entertainment, with her husband — but keeps it all together with poise and style. Kemsley chats with us about living with Boy George, the serendipity behind meeting her husband and the drama that's already bubbling between her and co-star Erika Girardi.

Are you a fan of reality TV yourself?
I dabbled in reality TV. I certainly watched the "Housewives" before. I took a little time off in the last few years because I was having babies and I didn't find very much free time for television. But when I joined the cast, I tried to do a little catch-up and watched last season. I haven't watched the others yet, but once in awhile I'll catch New York or Atlanta or O.C.

Are there certain cast members you feel closer to?
I love Lisa Vanderpump — she's a dear friend and I really just adore her. We were out for dinner last night even — she and I get together quite a bit. We have a great laugh together. We really bonded and spend a lot of time together socially.

I love you and your husband on the show. How did you guys meet?
My beloved and I met in New York, very randomly in a bar/restaurant. I actually wasn't supposed to be there and neither was he, so it was like the stars were aligned. I know that sounds cheesy, but it really was [meant to be] because later on we found out that there was a good half a dozen times where we were in the same room.

Wow.
I know. We had mutual friends and it was kind of crazy. In fact, a little side note, six months after we had started dating, he was helping me fill out information about my one of my businesses and I had an office in a building he had owned in New York City. He didn't even know that I was a tenant in his building. So weird. We were always meant to meet, that's for sure. It just was the right time and the right place.

So there's another man in the house at times. Does Boy George really live with you?
Yes. Well, Georgie is family. He does. My husband and I manage him, but he's also my daughter's godfather. When he's in Los Angeles, he lives with us. He goes back and forth to London, but over the last few years, he has stayed with us for up to four to six months at a time. This is definitely home. We love him and he's like family. It's pretty extraordinary, having Boy George living in your house.

Now I have to ask — what is the drama with Erika about?
I'd like to know myself. I don't really know — she kind of came at me in the beginning.

The next episode of "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" airs on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 9 p.m.

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Dorit Kemsley is the newest housewife on "RHOBH." RICHIE KNAPP/BRAVO

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Imogen Poots: Love and sanity don't mix

The actress talks "Frank & Lola," a neo-noir about a couple that won't last.

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In "Frank & Lola," on VOD Friday, Michael Shannon and Imogen Poots play a new couple who might not last. PALADIN; PHOTO ON RIGHT: GETTY IMAGES

Like many of us, Imogen Poots isn't sure how to feel right now. It's mere weeks until our new president arrives, and we can't be 100 percent sure how bad — or how not-quite-bad — things are going to get. "It's a funny thing," Poots tells us. "It's this strange period where you know something is a reality, but you can't see the evidence yet. Then you suddenly realize the evidence is everywhere."

The English actress — 27, and recently of "Green Room," "Knight of Cups" and the Cameron Crowe show "Roadies" — agrees we need temporary distractions. Cat videos work. Or even her latest film, "Frank & Lola," a dark neo-noir about love and obsession. The indie stars her and Michael Shannon as strangers who fall in love. But when he learns about her shady past, he becomes unhealthily driven to learn more. At least it's not as grim as the news.

I'm reluctant to call "Frank & Lola" a neo-noir, because it doesn't really play like a typical noir. It's more a romantic drama.

I think of it as a romantic tragedy. There's something really tragic about a couple setting out to do their best, and it just doesn't work out. They kind of f— it up for themselves and for each other.

With film noirs, there are those who see the femme fatales — like Barbara Stanwyck in "Double Indemnity" — not as villains but as empowering.

Even today, you come across female characters in a script, and someone will say to you, "This is a really strong character! She's a badass!" Every time I hear that I say, "Oh, go away." [Laughs] Some of these strong female characters, they're actually not that strong. It's someone else's idea of strength. It's just like, "We're gonna give her a gun and she's going to be wearing these kinds of outfits and saying these kinds of quips." In the theater you come across a lot more female characters who are fully fleshed out.

In the film, Frank and Lola are people who are crippled by what they've done before they met.

Everything in your past defines you, whether you like it or not. The past is a character in your life, isn't it? So when you meet someone and fall in love, there's a strange guilt. You see Frank act out in strange ways because of that. You see Lola make bad choices. More than saying, "This is a classic lineup of the victim and the hero and the femme fatale," it's really about two people who are so self-destructive they can't make it work. When it comes to love, whether you're a parent of a child or if it's a relationship based on love or friendship, there's going to be some madness in that. Love and sanity, they just don't work. [Laughs]

This movie really captures that feeling of being in a new relationship:

At first it's exciting, then you start to wonder, "Who is this person I'm with?" And that doubt can make you irrational.

Yeah! And maybe you become someone you don't like anymore. It's a real trip. If there's one single guarantee in life, it's experience. That's something you get to see with this film: Here are two people who had an idea of how it might work, and it really didn't. You don't know who to believe, who to respect. So, yeah, it's a real rom-com — just a treat for Christmas. [Laughs] My mother was asking me, "What's it about?" And I was like, "Oh, it's just lovely. Just a lovely, lovely film."

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Once upon a time, you only needed Netflix Instant to feed your cinephilia. That golden age is gone. Since 2012, the online king has lost half of its film content. So if you still prefer movies to TV, hopefully you've added the cinephilic FilmStruck to your towering streaming service pile, in part because it stole the Criterion Collection from Hulu. Even at only a month old, the number of wares is daunting — a mix of undying classics and obscurities waiting to be found. Where to begin? Why not Peter Greenaway's "The Cook, the Thief, His Wife & Her Lover"? Food porn meets softcore meets Grand Guignol in this savage NC-17-a-thon, which contains career peak work from Michael Gambon, as a crook who never shuts up, and Helen Mirren, delivering the rare recognizably human turn for a director who prefers his actors mannered, quippy and, often, in the buff.

"LOVE & FRIENDSHIP" *Amazon Prime*

Kate Beckinsale in "Love & Friendship." BERNARD WALSH

Before you tell people what your favorite movies of 2016 have been, make sure you've seen one of the very best. Whit Stillman is one of the closest analogs the cinema has ever had to a Jane Austen, thanks to the likes of "Metropolitan" and "Barcelona." So just imagine what it's like when he finally makes his own Austen movie. Based on the teenage work "Lady Susan," "Love & Friendship" reunites Stillman with his "Last Days of Disco" barn-burner Kate Beckinsale, who storms through a variety of drawing rooms as a 30-something widow manipulating a coterie of stuffed-shirts, all to score a new (moneyed) man. She's great, but Tom Bennett, as a wealthy fool, steals the show.

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The Delaware Valley Legacy Fund throws one of the most popular social events of the holiday season — Toy. This year, it celebrates its 10th anniversary at Top of the Tower, offering stunning views of Center City from the 51st floor.

Back in 2006, it began as a small holiday party for friends organized by a DVLF volunteer.

"It was so successful that it grew into Toy as we know it," says Executive Director Samantha Giusti.

Guests can enjoy a full open bar, hors d'oeuvres and a performance from singer/songwriter Aiden James in addition to dancing. But in case you want to mingle without the distractions of people attempting to "pop and lock," there's a separate space strictly for lounging.

Giusti notes, "Some folks want Toy to be more of a dance party, while others are looking to network and have conversation. This space allows us to do both."

The most important component of the evening, however, is bringing an unwrapped toy for the kids at Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania (CHOP) and those assisted by Action Wellness, a nonprofit dedicated to helping people with chronic illnesses.

Kevin Burns, Executive Director of Action Wellness, says of the event:

"My favorite part is when our volunteers and the volunteers from CHOP pack up all the toys to bring them back to our offices. And then giving out the toys."

He adds, "We would never, ever be able to make sure that each of our kids get something on the holidays without this event. It means the world to us and I know the staff at CHOP feels the same way."

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What's more, a special Philly-themed cookie will be available: the Cream Cheese Cloud Cookie. Made in partnership with NYC's Butter & Scotch bar and bakery, these chocolate cookies have cream cheese whipped into the batter. Yum!

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Key player Eliza Hardy Jones takes center stage

Aside from making her own music, Eliza also tours as a backing musician for some big names like Grace Potter. PROVIDED

The classical pianist is glad to see more of her Philly music family.

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Long renowned for her dynamic instrumental skills with fellow locals Buried Beds, Nightlands and Strand of Oaks, Philadelphia classical pianist Eliza Hardy Jones embarked on a solo career in emotive, poetic chamber pop with "Because Become." Released at the beginning of 2016 while she toured with Grace Potter (both as opening act and within Potter's band) that album showed off everything from Jones' natural pointed vocal prowess to her avant-garde arranging skills steeped in electric noise and electronic washes. Currently in the middle of writing her sophomore album, Jones hits Boot & Saddle this week.

Your session résumé is stellar — are you sick of hearing about your side work from your past?

And is it fair to say that most of them are still part of your present?

I love being a side woman, and have really lucked out in playing with such great people. These people are very much part of my present. Now that I'm finally off the road I'm able to see more of my Philly music family which has been great. The Grace Potter band and crew are spread out across the states, but we text each other all the time. Touring makes a truly special bond, and I'm so happy to have been able to share the road with so many incredible men and women.

Do you and the bands you play in support each other?

We definitely support each other. I think that's one of the great things about the Philly music scene. We play on each other's records, lend voices and talents, give pep talks and celebrate each other's music. This upcoming show at Boot & Saddle is evidence of that. The opening band Geology is the project of Greg Jehanian, who played in Buried Beds with me. Last night we were able to sing each other's songs on XPN to promote the show. It was such a great thing; calling up a friend, having him over to the house to learn some tunes and singing harmonies with each other. So many of the folks that will be on that stage have played with each other in different ways, and shown up to support each other's projects.

While you were gathering steam on the process that became "Because Become," did you miss the session process?

I actually feel like it's harder doing sessions than working on my own music. When I do sessions, I have to make my way into somebody else's brain, dig deep into finding something that matches their aesthetic, bringing something new to the mix that they didn't even know they needed. When I record my own music, it all feels so clear. The writing process itself can be fraught with all kinds of doubt, but that happens in the safety of anonymity. If I write something that sucks, nobody has to hear it. Once I'm sure about a song, and I take it into the studio, it's all good vibes.

The album is very ghosty. Was that always the sound of what you wanted to do on your own?

It certainly is ghosty. I feel close to ghosts. And they dominate this record both lyrically and musically. When I first started to write the record, I tried not to make a decision about what it was going to sound like. I just wanted to write songs until I had a batch that I was really excited about. And as it turns out, I'm excited about ghosts. They represent sonic disembodiment.

Are you done with your Christmas shopping?

I'm a terrible shopper. My family doesn't really do gifts, and when we do give gifts, my husband does the shopping. I'm no Scrooge. I love holidays — cooking, singing carols, eating, drinking breakfast champagne, decorations. I love it. Gifts, not so much.

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Padma Lakshmi: Sip on tequila this winter

Patrón Reposado, in a snifter, by a fireplace.

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Padma Lakshmi thinks tequila is a spirit for all seasons.

The executive producer and host of "Top Chef" gained a deeper appreciation for the alcohol while filming season 14 of Bravo's hit reality cooking show. While this season is based in Charleston, South Carolina, a later episode brings its contestants even farther south — to Jalisco, Mexico, where they compete to make the best tequila cocktail at sponsor Patrón's Hacienda distillery.

The 46-year-old actress and author of a new cookbook, "The Encyclopedia of Spice and Herbs," talks us through tequila food pairings, shares her signature spicy margarita and a bevy of ways to enjoy the versatile liquor.

Her spicy margarita

While many think of spices and herbs as cocktail additives, for Lakshmi, it's the other way around: "I think a cocktail is beautifully suited as a vehicle for spices and herbs."

Her margarita gets its kick from fresh lime, ginger and turmeric—which comes from Lakshmi's hometown of Kerala, India—and a salt and ancho chili powder rim.

"I don't often drink in the afternoon, but you could have this at lunch and feel like you're being virtuous because of the ginger and turmeric in it," she says.

Other favorite ways to enjoy the spirit?

"I think you can put tequila in anything. Anything you normally use vodka in, you can swap out for tequila," she says.

She prefers it on the rocks with lots of lime and muddled mint leaves.

If you like sweet: She suggests Patrón's Xo Cafe Incendio Chile Chocolate liqueur as an after dinner drink. Lakshmi prefers it in an Italian affogato: a half shot of the tequila (in place of the traditional shot of espresso) poured over a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

Lakshmi's spicy margarita PATRON

When to use Patrón Anejo, Reposado or Silver:

For mixed cocktails, Lakshmi says go for the Silver — which she uses in her margarita.

The Anejo, which is richer and smokier, is best enjoyed by itself, she says. "I don't know why you would want to muddy it up with other flavors."

The Reposado should also be enjoyed on its own. Lakshmi calls it "the single malt of tequila," and is against adding ice.

While many think of tequila as a poolside beverage, she says Reposado is perfect for chilly nights: "It's meant to be sipped and savored, in a snifter, by a fireplace — tonight," she jokes. "You wouldn't want to chug it down. It feels warm when it hits your palate."

Food pairings

"I like to serve these [margaritas] with fancy mini grilled cheeses, with different jams, like a balsamic onion jam.

Or flautas," she says, naming her recipe of goat cheese and mushroom flautas from her 2007 cookbook "Tangy Tart Hot and Sweet."

Lakshmi says her margs also pair well with a healthy dinner or lunch — a grilled fish, or a big, herbaceous salad — because they're not too sweet.

You can even use tequila in your cooking; when making a pork chile verde, add it to tenderize the meat. "Just like you would add red wine to a ragu, I did the exact same thing except with green tomatillos and a quarter cup of Patron," she explains, adding that she wanted to use the most authentic spirit to match the dish.

"If it grows together, it goes together," she says.

Padma Lakshmi shakes up her signature spicy margarita, made with ginger, turmeric and ancho chili powder. PATRON

Padma's Margarita Recipe: The ginger turmeric margarita

Margarita:
2 oz Patrón Silver
1 oz ginger turmeric simple syrup*
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
3-4 fresh mint leaves

***Ginger turmeric syrup:**
1 cup water
¾ cup sugar
4 inches fresh ginger root, peeled and sliced
1 teaspoon turmeric powder

rim:
½ teaspoon ground turmeric
½ teaspoon ancho chili powder
2 teaspoon coarse salt

In a small saucepan, combine sugar, water and sliced ginger. Place over medium heat and bring to boil. Cook until sugar dissolves. Let steep for at least 10 minutes. Add the turmeric powder and stir until incorporated. Strain syrup through a coffee filter.

Combine ancho, turmeric and salt on a small plate and mix to combine. Wet the top of a rocks glass with a wedge of orange and dip in spice mix. Tear mint leaves, and add to a cocktail shaker with ice. Add the Patrón, lime juice and ginger turmeric syrup and shake vigorously.

Pour into prepared rocks glass and garnish with an orange wedge.

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Inside Look: 3 more million-dollar listings in Philadelphia

Your weekly dose of #RealEstatePorn.

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In September, Metro took a look at four properties in the city that crossed that million-dollar mark. Now, we're looking at the top inventory once again, and prices aren't going down.

237 S. 18th St.

At a whopping **$7.2 million**, this home in the Barclay Condominium overlooking Rittenhouse Square is, as far as our research goes, the most expensive single-family-home listing in Philadelphia this year. The bespoke home offers spectacular entertaining space, with its dramatic central foyer, large kitchen and several sitting rooms.

SIZE:

3 beds, 7 baths, 5,025 square feet

SWEET PERKS:

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SWEET PERKS:

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1910 Rittenhouse Square

This rare piece of real estate is one of only two residential townhomes on the Square, and is listed for **$6.95 million**. Opulently decorated and designed, this home still offers high-end modern amenities, marble-encased bathrooms and unmatched proximity to all the neighborhood has to offer.

1910 Rittenhouse Square NUOW

SIZE:

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TEMPLE FOOTBALL'S ROLE AS A STEPPING STONE WON'T CHANGE ANY TIME SOON

Matt Rhule will likely be a heavy recruiter in Florida with Baylor, just like he was at Temple. GETTY IMAGES

OPINION

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It was almost a year ago today that Temple handed Matt Rhule a six-year contract extension.

The Owls were fresh off their most high-profile football season ever and their young head coach was a hot commodity. A sellout home win against Penn State, near home upset against Notre Dame and on-location hosting of ESPN's College GameDay made Temple football a household name in 2015.

"While this has been such a special season, there is still so much more that Temple football can accomplish," Rhule said after inking his extension on December 7 of last year. "I am proud to coach such incredible student-athletes and I am honored to continue to be a part of the Temple community."

Ten more wins and an American Conference championship later, and Rhule decided he had had enough.

Enough of being an underdog. Enough of fighting for scraps on the national stage. Enough of creating teams built from inferior northeast football talent. Enough of giving tickets away for free to watch his team play Stony Brook or East Carolina.

The Owls did not offer Rhule — a capable and motivated young man — a route to a national championship. And even though the Baylor Bears are 6-6, riddled with off-the-field issues and nothing near the life Rhule knew as a Penn State graduate and one-time Giants assistant coach, they offer access.

Access to a New Year's Six bowl game. Access to a potential college football playoff berth (with less hoops to jump through). Access to more lucrative television exposure, and most importantly, access to the best football talent in the country — in Texas, the south and midwest.

Rhule was offered a head coaching spot at Missouri last offseason, but spurned the SEC doormat. He instead will take his defense-first approach to one of the most historically high-powered offenses in college football down in Waco, Texas.

"@CoachMattRhule turned me into the man I am today. He opened my eyes to what a real man was, will always be loved and missed ..." Temple's star running back Jahad Thomas tweeted.

The team is graduating Rhule's first group of recruits as Temple's AD Pat Kraft told the media in an afternoon press conference, the "players took it pretty hard."

The Owls will begin a new search for a head coach, hoping to find a "good man," as Kraft described, and one who can continue to lead Temple as an AAC powerhouse.

The only problem is that Temple is and remains a stepping stone program. Just ask Steve Addazio or Al Golden. Each led the Owls to a bowl game in recent seasons and each left for greener pastures. Without its own stadium or a pipeline to a major bowl game, Temple will never be the final destination for a talented young coach — just a proving ground.

And maybe that's OK. Rhule and the others mentioned above learned and grew during their time in North Philly. They made connections that will last a lifetime and an impact that will never be forgotten. That's what college is all about. And we can only hope Rhule's four years as a Temple Owl left as big an impact on him as they left on the never larger contingent of Owl devotees.

Rhule will be missed. Bring on the new era.

The Temple coaching carousal

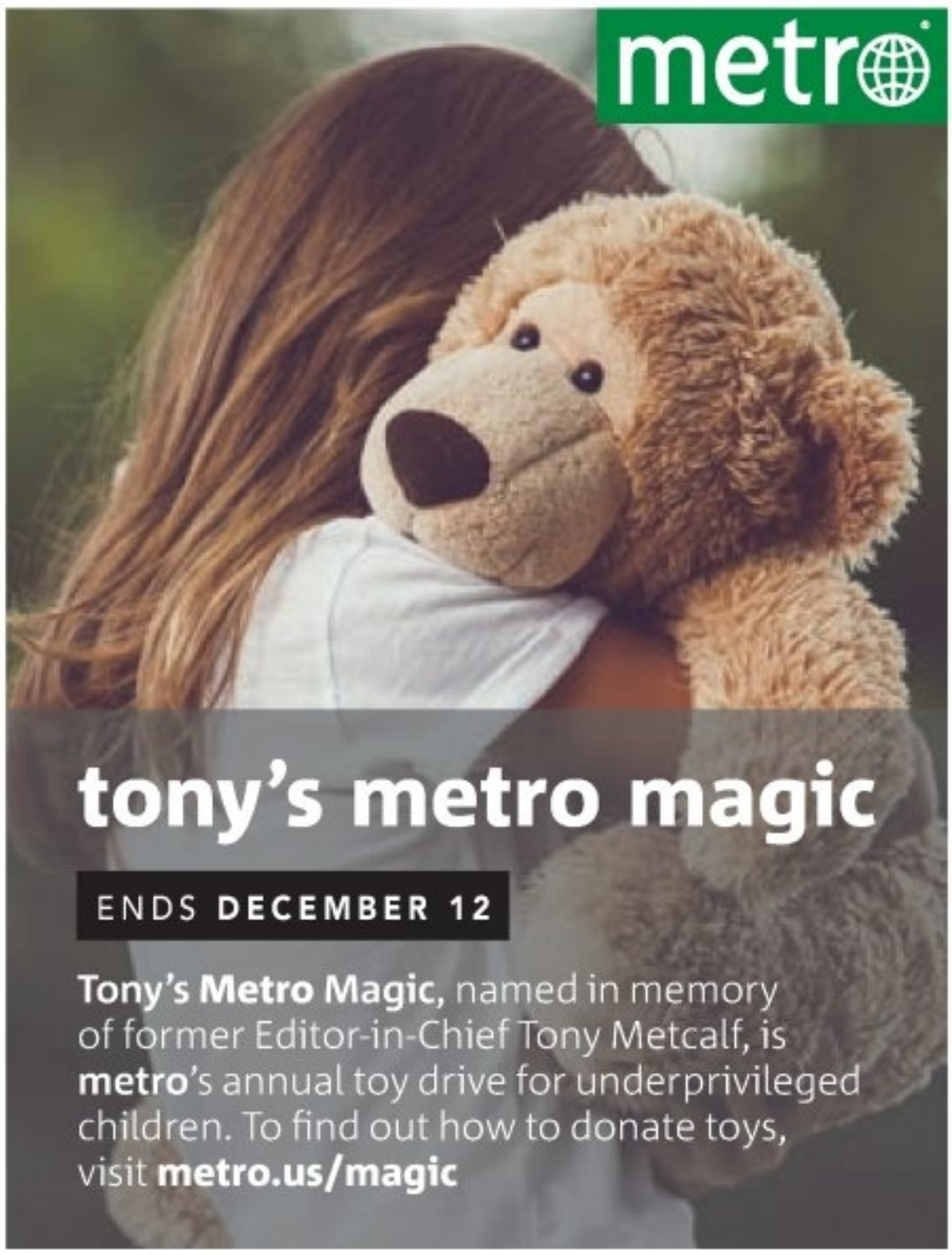
Over the last decade the Owls have had three extremely promising coaches lead them to a bowl game before leaving for a bigger program. In 2005 Temple went 0-11 as an independent after being kicked out of the Big East. And then...

Al Golden (2006-2010)
- 27-34 record with TU
- Took Owls from 1-11 in first season to 9-4, 8-4 in final two seasons
- Temple lost the Eagle-Bank Bowl in 2009
- Went 32-25 over five seasons in Miami with two bowl losses
- Was fired after 2015 season

Steve Addazio (2011-2012)
- 13-11 record with TU
- Led Owls to New Mexcio Bowl victory in 2011
- Helped recruit star players like Tyler Matakevich
- Has gone 23-27 over the last four seasons at Boston College

Matt Rhule (2013-2016)
- 28-23 career record
- Took Temple from 2-10 record in 2013 to back-to-back 10 win seasons
- Won first-ever AAC title in team history last week
- Will coach Baylor next season

Temple will play in the Military Bowl against Wake Forest on Dec. 27. Phil Snow (defensive coordinator) will be acting head coach.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Okafor can score, can win, but is he in the Sixers' future plans?

Questions still remain as to how the Sixers two scoring big men will coexist.

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Jahlil Okafor is a winner.

As a senior at Whitney Young High in Chicago, Okafor averaged 24.1 points and 11.3 rebounds on his way to a 28-5 record and a state championship. He was the Most Valuable Player of the 2014 McDonald's All-American Game.

One year later as a freshman at Duke, Okafor carried the Blue Devils to a 35-4 record and a national championship.

Nothing but wins and trophies.

Then came the brutal reality of the NBA. Okafor was the No. 3 overall pick of the 2015 draft and came to a struggling 76ers franchise which careened to a dubious 10-72 record last season. The Sixers are currently 4-17 with a frustrating seven-game losing streak.

For a kid used to winning, this is a whole different world.

"We understand Jahlil is a scorer," Sixers coach Brett Brown said. "He's scored his whole life. It's the other parts of his game that we're trying to grow him where he becomes a more complete player."

Okafor was limited to 53 games last season before a balky knee pushed him to the sidelines and ultimately required arthroscopic surgery. Still, Okafor averaged 17.5 points per game, which ranked second among all rookies.

Coming back for his second season proved to be a different challenge as conditioning was an issue along with a minute restriction in the early part of the schedule.

Joel Embiid and Jahlil Okafor saw action together for the first time — and it wasn't awful. GETTY IMAGES

Okafor is slowly taking steps forward and now has 12 games scoring in double figures.

"Just being more comfortable, getting in better game shape," Okafor said. "I really wasn't able to do anything before the season because of my knee. I was restricted from doing extra running and stuff like that."

Okafor and Joel Embiid each earned double-doubles in a difficult loss to the Orlando Magic Friday night. But they looked comfortable on the offensive end and worked well together.

Looking ahead, Brown isn't sure how much he'll pair the two bigs together.

"To grab on to something to solve and scratch an itch, it's not fair to the team," Brown said. "My mind is growing it in a responsible way, and when opportunities present themselves, I look forward to doing that. [Tim] Duncan taught a lot on spacing and he played with other bigs and stretch fours. I had a good background of seeing stuff. My concern is always who do we guard? How do we guard? And how do we get back to guard?"

Okafor is far from a finished product. There is so much growth ahead in terms of playing in the low post, rebounding, becoming a better defender. This is just a start.

Yet there's another caveat in all of this — who knows if Okafor will even be here after the trade deadline in February? Trade rumors seem to swirl every day centered around Okafor and Nerlens Noel. The Sixers' roster needs plenty of tweaking before it's complete.

Okafor is a winner. He has shown that much in the past. Whether he'll be part of a winning culture down the road with the Sixers remains to be seen.

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No. 1

Cowboys (11-1)

The Cowboys finished their tour of the NFC North 2-0. Winning in Green Bay and Minnesota is no easy task. Thursday night's game kicked off what will be four straight primetime contests. A win against the Giants will clinch the NFC East Sunday.

No. 2

Patriots (10-2)

On Monday night the Patriots will have a chance to clinch the AFC East against the Ravens if the Dolphins have lost their earlier game. Either way, this game featuring two division leaders could foreshadow a playoff matchup we've seen give great games in recent years.

No. 3

Raiders (10-2)

Huge matchup this Thursday night as the Raiders look for revenge and a two game-cushion in the AFC West. Kansas City took the Raiders apart in October in Oakland, 26-10. Since that game, the Raiders are 6-0; the Chiefs are 6-1. The game will help decide who wins the NFL's best division.

No. 4

Seahawks (8-3-1)

Speaking of dismal matchups, here we have the Sunday night game that included the reigning MVP starting off on the bench, one of the league's premier safeties breaking his leg and publicly considering retirement, and yes, the 33-point dismantling of last year's Super Bowl runner-up.

No. 5

Chiefs (9-3)

In his career, Chiefs Safety Eric Berry returned five of his 13 interceptions for touchdowns and, while he got one of those Sunday, it doesn't even encompass his most dramatic play: intercepting Matt Ryan's two-point attempt and returning it for the game-winning two points.

No. 6

Broncos (8-4)

It's still unclear whether Trevor Siemian will be able to return this week, but if he doesn't Paxton Lynch will face a much stiffer test against the Titans than they did against the Jags. With the Colts and Texans playing each other and all three teams at 6-6, Tennessee will be desperate to stay in the race.

7 — Lions (8-4)
8 — Giants (8-4)
9 — Ravens (7-5)
10 — Falcons (7-5)
11 — Buccaneers (7-5)
12 — Steelers (7-5)
13 — Packers (6-6)
14 — Washington 6-5-1)
15 — Colts (6-6)
16 — Vikings (6-5)
17 — Texans (6-6)
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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING	Friday, December 16, 2016	9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
BOARD MEETING	Thursday, March 16, 2017	4:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING	Friday, June 9, 2017	9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Board Executive Committee:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	~~Thursday, January 12, 2017~~	CHANGE OF DATE
NEW DATE:	Friday, January 13, 2017	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	Thursday, April 6, 2017	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	Thursday, May 11, 2017	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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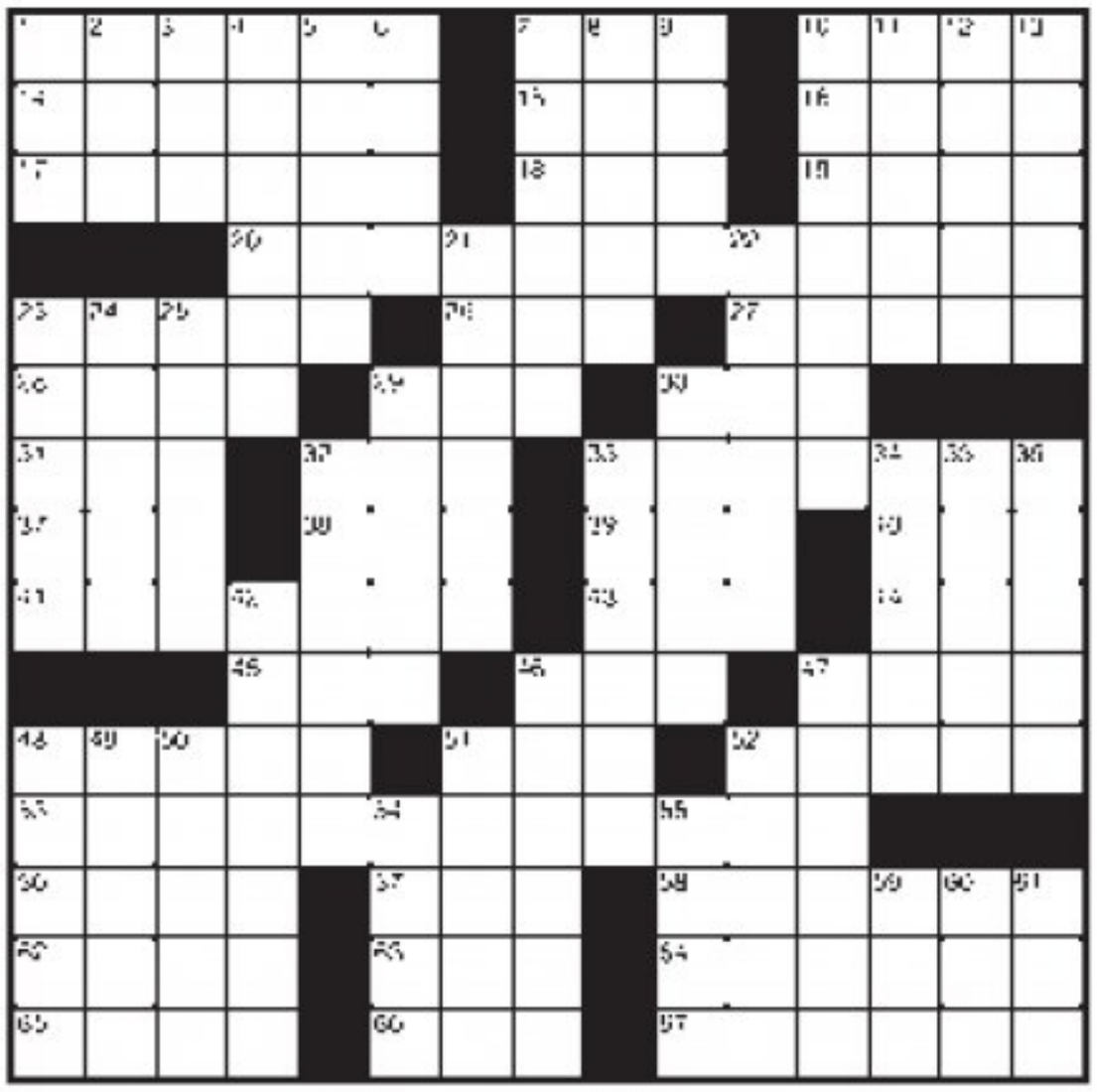

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Aries A business trip or learning experience will bring you that much closer to making an important decision. Don't be misled by what others do.

Taurus Speak up and get to the bottom of any setback that arises. A misunderstanding can cause financial problems if you aren't up front about hidden costs.

Gemini Turn on the charm and spread joy. Stick to your goals and aim to finish what you start. Keep your promises and plan something special with a loved one.

Cancer Your imagination will kick in, helping you come up with solutions to all your problems. Listen to your intuition and move forward with confidence.

Leo It's time to get out and get serious. Mingle with people in a position to help you advance. Discussing your vision and considering certain partnerships will pay off.

Virgo Think matters through before taking action. You can bring about positive change, as long as you do so using a comprehensive plan.

Libra Don't give in to someone just because you cannot make up your mind. Take a stance and put your plans in motion. A physical challenge will help you.

Scorpio Look for a new and exciting hobby. Exploring new avenues will open doors to friendships and the acquisition of life skills that will help you advance.

Sagittarius It's a good day to stick close to home. You'll face delays if traveling and problems getting your point across if you discuss your personal concerns.

Capricorn You may be missing some vital information. Before you decide to make a move, revisit all the pros and cons and get your facts in order. Trust your intuition.

Aquarius Harness what you have to offer and make a point to finish what you start. It's what you master and complete that will make a difference at the end of the day.

Pisces Remain intent on turning your ideas into a finished project. When someone tugs at your emotions, press on and ignore such manipulation with dignity. EUGENIA LAST

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